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Sir:

This paper is in response to the second, non-final Official Action mailed on July 29, 2005. No fee is due. However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

New claims 13-14 are supported in the specification by lack of disclosure of the recited absent subject matter. New claims 15-16 are supported at page 6, line 14. The new claims are patentable for the reasons below.

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